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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takayuki ARAKI et al.

Continuation of S.N. 09/585,269

Filed December 20, 2001

SURFACE-MODIFIED NICKEL FINE
POWDER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of copending
application Serial No. 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000.--

REMARKS

This continuation application present claims 1-12
which were filed as claims 13-24 in an Amendment After Final
Rejection on November 15, 2001 in parent application 09/585,269,

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but were denied entry. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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